

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-38 (canceled).

39. (currently amended) A method for inhibiting the loss of learning ability or increasing the learning ability of an aged companion pet in need of such treatment, the method comprising which comprises feeding the pet ~~an antioxidant or a~~ mixture of antioxidants at levels sufficient to accomplish the said inhibiting or increasing, the ~~said antioxidant~~ mixture of antioxidants comprising Vitamin E, Vitamin C and at least one antioxidant selected from the group consisting ~~Vitamin E, Vitamin C,~~ of alpha lipoic acid, l-carnitine and mixtures thereof.

Claims 40-43 (canceled).

44. (new) The method in accordance with claim 39 wherein the aged companion pet is a canine and is fed a mixture of Vitamin E, Vitamin C, alpha lipoic acid, and l-carnitine.

45. (new) The method in accordance with claim 39 wherein the aged companion pet is a feline and is fed a mixture of Vitamin E, Vitamin C, and l-carnitine.

46. (new) The method in accordance with claim 44 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the canine in at least about 100 ppm, Vitamin C is fed to the canine in at least about 50 ppm, alpha lipoic acid is fed to the canine in at least about 25 ppm and l-carnitine is fed to the canine in at least about 50 ppm, all levels as measured by a diet fed to the canine.

47. (new) The method in accordance with claim 45 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the feline in at least about 100 ppm, Vitamin C is fed to the feline in at least about 50 ppm and l-carnitine is fed to the feline in at least about 50 ppm, all levels as measured by a diet fed to the feline.